Claims as amended Jan. 03

We Claim:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of colour correcting a sensed image before printing by a hand held camera system, said camera system including:

an image sensor device for sensing an image;

a processing means for processing said sensed image; and

a printing system including a printhead for printing out said sensed image; wherein the

method of colour correcting a sensed image before printing comprises:

utilizing said image sensor device to sense a first image; processing said first image to determine colour characteristics of said first image; utilizing said image sensor device to sense a second image, in rapid succession to said first image; applying colour correction to said second image based on the determined colour characteristics of said first image; and printing out said second image by said printhead.

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- 2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said second image is sensed within 1 second of said first image.
- 3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said processing step includes examining the intensity characteristics of said first image.
- 4. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said processing step includes determining a maximum and minimum intensity of said first image and utilizing said intensities to rescale the intensities of said second image.